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SUBJECT: JOINT SOVIET-U.S. STATEMENT ON MIDDLE EAST

1. DURING HABIB MEETING WITH DAYAN SEPTEMBER 29 (SEPTEL),
HABIB GAVE DAYAN THE TEXT AS IT NOW STANDS OF JOINT
SOVIET-U.S. STATEMENT ON THE MIDDLE EAST. HABIB
SAID THIS DRAFT IS STILL UNDER DISCUSSION WITH THE SOVIETS
AND THAT THERE STILL REMAIN SEVERAL DIFFERENCES TO BE
RESOLVED. IN THIS CONNECTION, HE EXPLAINED THAT UNDER-
LINED WORDS REPRESENTED OUR PREFERENCES, AND WORDS IN
BRACKETS REPRESENTED PREFERRED SOVIET LANGUAGE. HABIB
SAID WE DID NOT KNOW WHERE WE WOULD COME OUT WITH THE
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SOVIETS BUT WANTED TO SHOW TEXT TO ISRAELIS NOW AS
SECRETARY HAD AGREED TO DO DURING DINNER WITH DAYAN
MONDAY EVENING.

2. DAYAN ASKED HOW MUCH TIME ISRAELIS HAD TO REACT. HABIB
SAID WE WOULD LIKE TO DISCUSS IT WITH DAYAN ON FRIDAY.
HE EMPHASIZED AT SAME TIME THAT, IF WE GET

AGREEMENT WITH SOVIETS, WE WILL WANT TO MOVE QUICKLY.

3. ONLY QUESTION DAYAN ASKED ABOUT TEXT OF JOINT STATEMENT WAS WHY, IN THIRD PARAGRAPH, WE DID NOT ADD "IN ACCORDANCE WITH RESOLUTION 242" AFTER PHRASE "WITHDRAWAL OF ISRAELI ARMED FORCES FROM TERRITORIES OCCUPIED IN THE 1967 CONFLICT"? HABIB SAID THIS RAISED WHOLE PROBLEM OF SOVIET DESIRES TO ADD REFERENCES TO ALL OTHER UN RESOLUTIONS; ONLY SOLUTION WAS TO REFER TO NONE.

4. FOLLOWING IS TEX OF DRAFT JOINT U.S.-SOVIET STATEMENT GIVEN TO DAYAN:

BEGIN TEXT:

JOINT SOVIET-U.S. STATEMENT ON THE MIDDLE EAST

HAVING EXCHANGED VIEWS REGARDING THE UNSAFE SITUATION WHICH REMAINS IN THE MIDDLE EAST, MEMBER OF THE POLITBUREAU OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE CPSU, MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE USSR A.A. GROMYKO AND SECRETARY OF STATE OF THE USA C. VANCE STATE ON BEHALF OF THEIR COUNTRIES, WHICH ARE CO-CHAIRMEN OF THE GENEVA PEACE CONFERENCE ON THE MIDDLE EAST, THE FOLLOWING:

1. BOTH SIDES ARE CONVINCED THAT VITAL INTERSTS OF THE PEOPLES OF THIS AREA AS WELL AS THE INTERESTS OF
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STRENGTHENING PEACE AND INTERNATIONAL SECURITY IN GENERAL URGENTLY DICTATE THE NECESSITY OF ACHIEVING AS SOON AS POSSIBLE A JUST AND LASTING SETTLEMENT OF THE ARAB-ISRAELI CONFLICT. THIS SETTLEMENT SHOULD BE COMPREHENSIVE, INCORPORATING ALL PARTIES CONCERNED AND ALL QUESTIONS.

THE SOVIET AND THE U.S. SIDES BELIEVE THAT,
WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF A COMPREHENSIVE SETTLEMENT OF THE MIDDLE EAST PROBLEM, ALL SPECIFIC QUESTIONS OF THE SETTLEMENT SHOULD BE RESOLVED, INCLUDING SUCH KEY SSUES AS WITHDRAWAL OF ISRAELI ARMED FORCES FROM TERRITORIES OCCUPIED IN THE 1967 CONFLICT; THE RESOLUTION OF THE PALESTINIAN QUESTION INCLUDING ENSURING THE LEGITIMATE BEGIN UNDERLINE INTERESTS END UNDERLINE BEGIN BRACKETS NATIONAL RIGHTS END BRACKETS OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE; TERMINATION OF THE STATE OF WAR AND ESTABLISHMENT OF BEGIN UNDERLINE NORMAL PEACEFUL RELATIONS END UNDERLINE BEGIN BRACKETS PEACE END BRACKETS ON THE BASIS OF MUTUAL RECOGNITION BEGIN UNDERLINE OF THE PRINCIPLES OF END UNDERLINE BEGIN BRACKETS BY THE PARTIES -- PARTICIPANTS OF THE SETTLEMENT -- OF EACH OTHER'S RIGHT FOR END BRACKETS SOVEREIGNTY, TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY, AND POLITICAL INDEPENEDENCE.

THE TWO SIDES ARE OF THE OPINION THAT, IN ADDITION TO SUCH MEASURES FOR ENSURING THE SECURITY OF THE FINAL RECOGNIZED BORDERS BETWEEN ISRAEL AND THE NEIGHBORING ARAB STATES AS THE ESTABLISHMENT OF DEMILITARIZED ZONES AND THE AGREED STATIONING IN THEM OF UN TROOPS OR OBSERVERS, INTERNATIONAL GUARANTEES OF SUCH BORDERS AS WELL AS OF THE OBSERVANCE OF THE TERMS OF THE SETTLEMENT CAN ALSO BE ESTABLISHED, SHOULD THE CONTRACTING PARTIES SO DESIRE. THE SOVIET UNION AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ARE READY TO PARTICIPATE IN THESE GUARANTEES, SUBJECT TO THEIR CONSTITUTIONAL PROCESSES.

2. THE SOVIET AND THE U.S. SIDES BELIEVE THAT THE
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ONLY RIGHT AND EFFECTIVE WAY FOR ACHIEVING A CARDINAL SOLUTION TO ALL ASPECTS OF THE MIDDLE EAST PROBLEM IN ITS ENTIRETY IS NEGOTIATIONS WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE GENEVA PEACE CONFERENCE, SPECIALLY CONVENED FOR THESE PURPOSES, WITH PARTICIPATION IN ITS WORK OF THE REPRESENTATIVES OF ALL THE PARTIES INVOLVED IN THE CONFLICT INCLUDING THOSE OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE, AND LEGAL AND CONTRACTUAL FORMALIZATION OF THE DECISIONS REACHED AT THE CONFERENCE.

IN THEIR CAPACITY OF THE CO-CHAIRMEN OF THE GENEVA CONFERENCE, THE USSR AND THE USA AFFIRM THEIR INTENTION THROUGH JOINT EFFORTS AND IN THEIR CONTACTS WITH THE PARTIES CONCERNED TO FACILITATE IN EVERY WAY THE RESUMPTION OF THE WORK OF THE CONFERENCE NOT LATER THAN DECEMBER 1977.

3. GUIDED BY THE GOAL OF ACHIEVING A JUST POLITICAL SETTLEMENT IN THE MIDDLE EAST AND OF ELIMINATING THE EXPLOSIVE SITUATION IN THIS AREA OF THE WORLD, THE USSR AND THE USA APPEAL TO ALL THE PARTIES IN THE CONFLICT TO UNDERSTAND THE NECESSITY FOR SOBER CONSIDERATION OF LEGITIMATE RIGHTS AND INTERESTS OF EACH OTHER AND TO DEMONSTRATE MUTUAL READINESS TO ACT ACCORDINGLY.
END TEXT.

5. ABOVE IS FOR EMBASSY'S INFORMATION. WE BELIEVE ANY NEGOTIATIONS ON THIS WOULD BE BETTER DONE HERE IN NEW YORK. SHOULD ANY POINTS BE RAISED WITH YOU, SUGGEST YOU NOTE THEM AND RESPOND BY SAYING YOU WILL REFER THEM TO US HERE.
VANCE UNQTE CHRISTOPHER

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